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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Public Comment on WC Docket #12-375

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of regulating prison phone costs. Not only interstate calls, but also for calls within state lines.

My husband is incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Corrections, Tucker Unit. We have a two year old daughter and desperately need the use of phone calls to keep our family together and functioning. In the 21 months that he has been in prison, I have spent thousands of dollars on phone calls. The cost of these calls is absolutely sickening to me. I understand that people are sent to prison because they did something wrong, but what did the families do to deserve this? Inmates do not pay the bill for these calls, WE DO! Yes, I would write letters, and do, but if you could see our daughter talking on the phone with her father, you would surely understand why we spend so much money on phone calls. No family should fall apart because of the selfishness of prison systems and phone companies. Currently I am paying over six dollars for a twenty minute phone call. If the FCC decides to regulate interstate calls, then I will be paying more than a person calling from out of state when I live within 100 miles of the prison. It's unjust.

I am begging you to please do something to fix the outrageous prices that families like mine pay to communicate with their loved ones.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Emily Sowers